(b) if so, what are the basic arguments on both sides;

(c) whether any effort has been made to bridge the gap;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether such disputes harm the growth of tourism; and

(f) the steps proposed to resolve this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG): (a) to (f) The Ministry of Tourism has advised the approved hotels to charge single tariff both in foreign currencies as well as in Indian Rupees. Some of the hotels have gone to the court against this decision. The matter is sub-judice.

Availability of Hotel Rooms

3976. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the current hotel rooms, availability in India

(b) whether it compares very poorly to the hotel rooms availability with other countries;

(c) whether various Indian tourism offices abroad reported on the comparative hotel room availability in other countries; and

(d) if so, what steps are proposed to improve hotel room availability in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG): (a) Presently there are about 65000 hotel rooms in the approved sector in the country.

(b) and (c) The Indian Tourist Offices located abroad have reported the following availability of hotel rooms in their markets. Some of them are as under:—

USA	3.6 million hotel rooms
Canada	327400 hotel rooms
Sweden	93500 hotel rooms
Israel	37000 hotel rooms
Netherlands	47700 hotel rooms
Belgium	41585 hotel rooms
Luxemburg	8384 hotel rooms
U.K.	402934 hotel beds
Italy	1724000 hotel beds
Spain	10008812 hotel beds

(d) The construction of hotels is a private sector activity. The Govt. of India extends fiscal benefits, duty concessions as well as interest subsidy in order to catalyse private investment. The Govt. has also liberalised guidelines for foreign investment as well as foreign collaboration for attracting investment in the tourism sector.

विदेशी पर्यटकों के संबंध में अध्ययन रिपोर्ट

3977. **श्री बरजिन्दर सिंह:**
श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामूवालिया:

क्या पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार द्वारा भारत में आने वाले विदेशी पर्यटकों के संबंध में कोई अध्ययन रिपोर्ट तैयार की गई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो देश में औसतन प्रतिवर्ष आने वाले विदेशी पर्यटकों की देश-वार कुल संख्या कितनी है, और इनमें से किन-किन देशों के कितने-कितने प्रतिशत पर्यटक होते हैं; और

(ग) विदेशी पर्यटक भारत में मुख्यतया किन-किन विशेषताओं को देखना और अध्ययन करना अधिक पसन्द करते हैं?

पर्यटन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री ओमाक अपांग): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) ऐसे देश जहां से अधिक संख्या में पर्यटक आते हैं, वहां से वर्ष 1997 में भारत आने वाले विदेशी पर्यटकों की कुल संख्या नीचे दिए अनुसार है:—

देश		विदेशी पर्यटक आगमन	जोड़ का प्रतिशत
1.	यू॰के॰	370567	15.6
2.	यू॰एस॰ए॰	244239	10.3
3.	श्रीलंका	122080	5.1
4.	जर्मनी	105979	4.5
5.	जापान	99729	4.2
6.	फ्रांस	91423	3.8
7.	कनाडा	78570	3.3
8.	मलेशिया	60401	2.6
9.	इटली	53854	2.3
10.	सिंगापुर	52004	2.2
11.	आस्ट्रेलिया	50647	2.1
12.	नीदरलैंड्स	44843	1.9
13.	नेपाल	43155	1.8
14.	स्विटज़रलैण्ड	31717	1.3
15.	स्पेन	22903	1.0
16.	दक्षिण अफ्रीका	22218	0.9
17.	बेल्जियम	21532	0.9
18.	इज़रायल	20162	0.9
19.	यू॰ए॰ई॰	19828	0.8
20.	अन्य	818243	34.5
	जोड़:	2374094	100.0

(ग) वे दर्शनीय स्थल, जिन्हें विदेशी पर्यटक, भारत में देखना और जिनका अध्ययन करना चाहते हैं उनमें शामिल हैं:—पुरातात्विक स्मारक और सांस्कृतिक आकर्षण, वन्य जीवन और प्राकृतिक भू-दृश्यांकन, समुद्रतट, द्वीप, पर्वत और विश्वदाय स्थलों एवं इमारतों सहित मरुस्थल।

Setting up of Tourism Institutes

3978. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the States where Tourism Institutes have been set up by Government;

(b) the idea behind the establishment of these Institutes;

(c) whether any such Institute is proposed to be set up at Nawarangpur in Orissa; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG): (a) The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India have set up only two Institutes of Tourism and Travel Management:—

(1) Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management; Gwalior (Madhya Pradesh)

(2) Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management Baji Rout Regional Centre for Eastern India, Bhubaneswar (Orissa)